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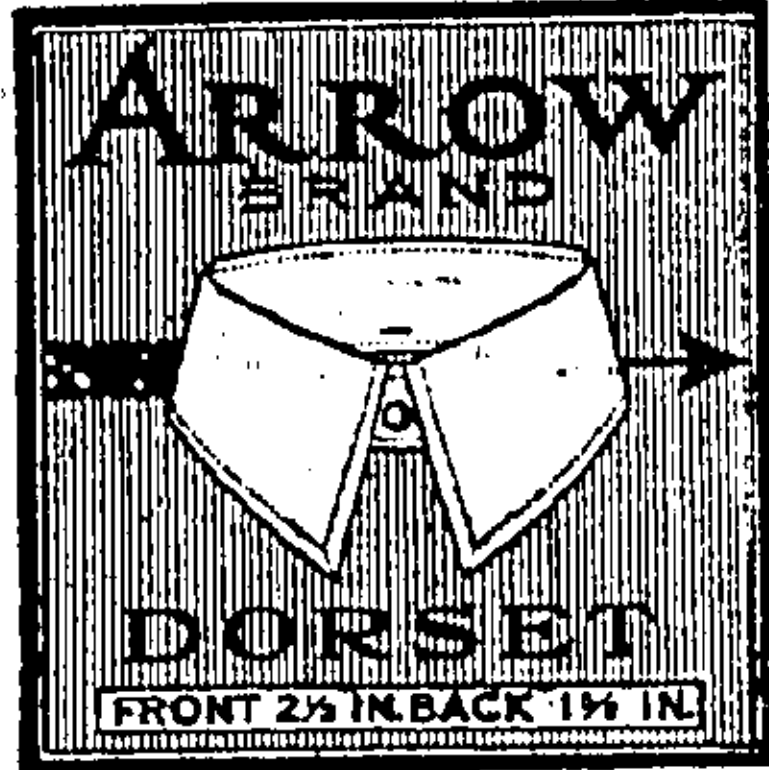
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JAPAN AND FOREIGN POSTAL RATES.

AN EXAMPLE OF "COMMERCIAL IMMORALITY."

In the course of a long article on the subject of commercial immorality in Japan, the *Japan Chronicle* writes on the commercial immorality of the Government in these terms:—

"A still more striking example of the commercial immorality of the Communications Department is shown in the policy which from the 1st of January doubles the rate of foreign postage. Some months ago a Postal Conference was held at Madrid. At this Conference the question was discussed of the difficulty in which countries found themselves where the national currency had fallen seriously below the level of gold prices; and it was agreed that the various countries should be permitted to raise the price of foreign postage—domestic postage being, of course, a matter for internal arrangement. It was presumed, of course, that only those countries where the currency had fallen would raise their foreign postage. Japan was not one of these countries the yen having materially appreciated instead of having depreciated. Nevertheless, the Japanese Government immediately took advantage of this arrangement by announcing that foreign postage would be doubled from the 1st of January, 1922. Thus, while England, where currency had fallen in value, raised its foreign postage rates on letter weighing 1 ounce from 2d. to 3d., a rise of 50 per cent, Japan raised its rate from 10 sen to 20 sen or 20 grammes, or a considerably less weight, 20 sen at present rates of exchange, being practically 6d., a rise of 100 per cent. All other foreign postage rates, on printed matter, samples, and parcels, have been raised in proportion. Now it must be remembered that the chief work in the handling of foreign postage is done by the country of delivery. All that is necessary for the country which dispatches foreign mail is to receive the articles, cancel the stamp, and place them on board a steamer to be conveyed to their destination. It is the delivery of the letters and parcels in which most work is done. Thus Japan will be receiving an increased revenue from the work done by other countries, while it distributes mail for which these other countries receive a much smaller remuneration. The whole transaction is an example of commercial dishonesty. Like most dishonest transactions, Japan will be the sufferer in the end. Other countries will continue to enjoy the advantages of comparatively cheap postage. Their merchants will be able to send their circulars, catalogues, and samples to foreign countries at prices but little above the rates paid hitherto. Japanese merchants will not have this advantage, with the result that the new rates will impose a heavy handicap on trade, and check still further the development of Japan's foreign commerce, which is already suffering so severely from the high prices which the policy of the Government maintains. Postal rates, both domestic and foreign, were raised in England for the reason that the Post Office was showing a loss, but this excuse cannot be advanced in Japan. The estimated expenditure of the Communications Department for 1920-21 is ¥1,192,104,419, against which the estimated receipts from postal, telegraph, and telephone services, alone are ¥1,190,537,787, thus showing a substantial surplus. There is no excuse for this particular example of dishonesty, the taking advantage of a measure that was never intended, to apply to countries whose currency had remained stable or had appreciated. It is noteworthy that domestic rates, where the whole of the work is done by Japan, have not been increased; the increase has been placed on foreign postage, where the bulk of the work is done by foreign countries, while Japan's own part in delivery is performed more inefficiently than that of any country in the world.

"How is it possible for the Government of a country which favours these tricky methods to impress its merchants with the necessity for strict commercial morality?"

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

WHAT THE JAPANESE ARE TOLD.

There exists no danger whatsoever with the entry and residence of Japanese in Germany as complete order reigns in that country, according to a statement made in Berlin by the Japanese Ambassador and cable to the *Jiji Shimpō*.

The statement, which purports to review conditions as they exist in Germany continues:—

"Japanese travellers will not experience any difficulties as traffic is again as normal as in pre-war times. There is no lack of food, and service at the hotels and restaurants has again reached the pre-war stage. Economic and social conditions are as good as if not better than those in other countries with factories and offices working feverishly and unemployment practically vanished.

"The sentiment of the population toward Japanese is generally friendly. At present there are something like 300 Japanese in Berlin, among whom are many students and physicians at hospitals and laboratories. Visitors should, however, exercise certain vigilance over unchecked personal baggage as thefts occur often, to which Germans and foreigners alike fall victims.

"The prices are cheaper than in any other European country save Austria and Russia."

The above declaration was issued because it is said that the Japanese Embassy in Berlin is constantly in receipt of inquiries from Japanese subjects who desire to enter Germany to live. Information is always asked as to whether it is safe to enter Germany; whether the dangers to life and inconveniences of wartime have been overcome; and whether the Government is able to protect life and property.

POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

An official communication on this subject states that the Committee on Pacific and Far Eastern Questions, at the meeting on December 15th, adopted a resolution regarding Chinese post-offices as follows:—

(A.) Recognising the justice of the desire expressed by the Chinese Government to secure the abolition of foreign postal agencies in China, save or except in the leased territories or as otherwise specifically provided by treaty, it is resolved that:—

(1) The four Powers having such postal agencies agree to their abandonment subject to the following conditions:—(a) That an efficient Chinese postal service be maintained; (b) that an assurance be given by the Chinese Government that they contemplate no change in the present postal administration for the status of foreign co-director-general concerned. (2) To enable China and Powers concerned to make the necessary dispositions, this arrangement shall come into force and effect not later than January 1st, 1923. (B) Pending the complete withdrawal of the foreign postal agencies the four Powers concerned severally undertake to afford full facilities to the Chinese Customs authorities to examine in these agencies all postal matter (excepting ordinary letters whether registered or not which upon external examination appear plainly to contain only written matter) passing through them with a view to ascertaining whether they contain articles which are dutiable or contraband, or which otherwise contravene the customs regulations or laws of China.

JAPAN'S REQUESTS.

Senator Lodge read the following letter from the Japanese Delegation to him as Chairman of the Committee on foreign post-offices in China:—

"With regard to the proposed abolition of foreign postal agencies I am happy to inform you that my Government have no objection to the initiation of the arrangement as from the date in the draft resolution that is not later than January 1st, 1923. In announcing this agreement of my Government I am instructed to state before the Committee their desire concerning the maintenance of an efficient Chinese postal service substantially to the following effect: Taking into account the fact that the proposed change in the postal regime of China cannot fail practically to affect the Japanese to a much greater extent than any other nationals, the Japanese Government wish to place on record their desire that a suitable number of experienced Japanese postal officers be engaged by China in the interests of the efficiency of the Chinese postal administration. The reasonableness of this desire will readily be appreciated when it is considered that the Powers concerned have recognised the need for effective foreign assistance in the Chinese Postal administration and that no less than seventy British subjects and twenty Frenchmen are experts employed in it.—Yours respectfully,

(Signed) M. HANIHARA.

CHINA'S PROMISES.

Mr. Sze made the following statement:—

"Since the establishment of her national postal service China has at all times handled with efficiency all foreign mail matter. She appreciates that with the withdrawal of foreign post offices from her soil the amount of foreign mail matter to be handled by her own postal system will be increased. This increase she undertakes to handle with the same efficiency by making such additions to the personnel and equipment of her postal service as will be required. As soon as the Siberian route is reopened for the transportation of foreign mail matter between Asia and Europe steps will be taken to make arrangements for the transportation of such mail matter as was formerly transported by this route. As regards the actual railway transportation of such mail matter China will hold herself responsible for an uninterrupted service upon those railways or sections of railways within her jurisdiction which are under her own control and operation.

"OUTSIDE THE LAW"

Priscilla Dean's first feature since "The Virgin of Stamboul" is to be shown at the World Theatre on Friday at 9.15 p.m. only. It is called "Outside the Law" and is the work of Ted Browning, who has directed Miss Dean in all her big screen successes. From all advance reports it is the crowning achievement of the popular Universal star and her author-director. More than \$250,000 was expended in the production of "Outside the Law" and the cast is a roster of Who's Who in cinema circles. Besides Miss Dean there is Lon Chaney as Frisco gangster, Wheeler Oakman plays a dapper gentleman crook, E. A. Warren gives a rare Chinese characterisation, and Ralph Lewis appears as a master-gambler; while Melbourne MacDowell, Wilton Taylor and Stanley Goethals, a clever child actor, are other principals in the cast.

Lon Chaney will be seen in two of the strangest characterisations of his career in this photo-drama. One of the roles played by this king of all character actors is that of "Black Mike Silver," evil genius of the underworld. The identity of the other role is kept a secret. Chaney's make-up in the part is unbelievable and impenetrable, even by his personal friends.

The Bank of Communications officially announced the redemption of its notes in Peking and Tientsin without limitation. There is no visible change in the administration of the bank; but in accordance with an agreement with the Mukden War-Lord, the auditor of the Manchurian Bank has been appointed to the post of superintendent of the notes department. It is reported that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has deposited the sum of four million dollars with the bank. The Bank of China also has regained its former position in the Chinese money markets, says a Chinese News Agency.

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The thirty-third report of the Board of Directors states:—

The net profits for the year ending December 31st, 1921, after writing off all Directors and Auditors fees amount to \$3,087,521.21 which with the amount brought forward from last year \$189,555.20 gives an amount available for division of \$3,277,076.41. From this amount an interim dividend of \$4 per share (\$200,000) has already been paid leaving a balance of \$2,647,076.41 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of \$5 per share 2,500,000.00
To pay a bonus of \$0 per share 450,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff 5,000.00
To carry forward to a new profit and loss account 1,938,076.41
\$2,647,076.41

Directors.—Mr. A. H. Compton having resigned on leaving the Colony Mr. S. S. Perry was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation. Messrs. H. P. White and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The twentieth report of the Board of Directors states:—

The net profits for the year ending December 31st, 1921, after writing off all directors and auditors fees amount to \$93,540.54 which with \$837,583.24 brought forward from last account gives an amount available of \$730,123.78. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital... \$ 63,623.00 And to carry forward the balance 643,178.78
\$720,103.78

Directors.—Mr. A. H. Compton having resigned on leaving the Colony Mr. S. S. Perry was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment now requires confirmation. Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

The eighth report of the Board of Directors states:—

The net profits for the ended December 31st, 1921, amount to \$152,134.03 which with the amount brought forward from last year \$118,705.14 gives an amount available for division of \$270,839.07. From this amount an interim dividend of \$4 per share has already been paid. It is proposed to pay a final dividend of \$5 per share making a total dividend of \$9 per share and to carry forward the balance \$180,862.07 to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Mr. John Johnstone and Mr. A. H. Compton resigned their seats on leaving the Colony. Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard and S. S. Perry were invited to fill the vacancies. The appointments now require confirmation. Mr. Rev. Father L. Robert retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

The thirty-third report of the Board of Directors for the year ending December 31st, 1921, states:—

An interim dividend of \$12 per share equaling \$160,000 was paid in July last. All the Company's mortgages having now been paid off the entire assets of the Company consist of cash and there are practically no creditors.

It is now proposed to place the Company in liquidation (for which purpose extraordinary general meetings will be convened very shortly) with a view to an ultimate distribution of the surplus assets among the shareholders rateably in proportion to the shares held by them.

Directors.—Mr. John Johnstone having resigned Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was appointed in his place. This appointment now requires confirmation. Hon. Sir C. P. Chater and Mr. A. O. Lang now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE, DIVIDEND.

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INTERPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI MEET AT FANLING.

HONGKONG AGAIN WIN THE CUP.

The Interport Golf match between Shanghai and Hongkong was played yesterday on the Old Course at Fanling resulting in a narrow victory for the Hongkong team, who won by three points. Thirty-six holes were played—18 in the morning and 18 in the afternoon. The morning's play was somewhat marred by a heavy down pour of rain, which lasted from about 11.30 o'clock to 2.30 p.m. It had one beneficial effect, for a strong cold wind which was blowing across the course in the morning dropped considerably when the rain came. Play commenced at 10 a.m. sharp. The teams were:—

Shanghai—Messrs. K. M. Cumming, J. B. Ferrier, W. P. Roberts, C. T. Beath and Capt. Barrett.

Hongkong—Messrs. R. M. Smith, A. B. Stewart, H. R. Buckland, A. H. Ferguson and Major Bagnall.

The results up to the tiffin hour were in favour of Hongkong on stroke play, but the afternoon saw Shanghai winning most of the games. As, however, the match was decided on the three best scores returned by each side, the verdict went to Hongkong.

The best three scores on each side were:—

HONGKONG:

Bagnall	162
Buckland	163
A. B. Stewart	160
	485

SHANGHAI:

Roberts	163
Ferrier	160
Barrett	170
	502

The best card score of the match was that returned by Roberts (Shanghai) whose afternoon score was 79.

The following is a detailed account of the play:—

R. M. SMITH v. J. B. FERRIER.

The two champions, R. M. Smith (Hongkong) and J. B. Ferrier (Shanghai) started off promptly at 10 o'clock. In different putting on the part of the Shanghai champion resulted in Smith claiming the first hole in four. Smith got up against the bunker at the twelfth and the hole went to Ferrier, one under bogey. From then onwards until the turn it was a very even tussle, Smith going out in 41, as against his opponent's 42. Ferrier's driving was perfect, but he frequently encountered trouble on the greens and missed some fairly easy putts. Both men were badly at fault on the tenth green, Ferrier having to be content with two strokes over bogey. Smith was bunkered at the eleventh and sixteenth, which both went to the Shanghai champion. A win at the seventeenth placed Ferrier on even terms with Smith, and the players taking five strokes each at the Home hole, they finished up the morning round level. Ferrier's driving was a feature of the game and until the last couple of holes he made no mistake. His putting, however, was far from being up to his usual form and on the greens Smith held a decided advantage.

The scores for the morning round were:—

SMITH	Out—4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6—41
Home	5, 6, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 6—45
Total	86

FERRIER	Out—5, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 4, 5—42
Home	7, 5, 4, 6, 3, 5, 4, 5—44
Total	86

MAJOR BAGNALL v. CAPT. BARRETT.

In this match both players drove well and Bagnall's putting was exceptionally good. At the Rise, Barrett got in the rough and Bagnall won the hole. Both did the Dip in five. At the sixth hole Bagnall got in the rough badly and his first attempt to clear put him in a worse position. Barrett getting the hole. Bagnall did the Bog in 3 against Barrett's 4, but the Shanghai player won the next two holes, the score at the turn standing at 42 for Bagnall and 41 for Barrett. Bagnall won the next five holes, Barrett's play falling off considerably. The Armchair they halved and Barrett did Besside in 4 against Bagnall's 5. The Pass proved expensive for the Shanghai player, costing him 7 strokes to Bagnall's 5. The last hole they halved for 4.

The morning scores for these two were:—

BAGNALL	Out—5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 6, 3, 5—42
Home	5, 5, 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 5—40
Total	81

BARRETT	Out—5, 4, 3, 6, 5, 5, 4, 5—41
Home	6, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 7—47
Total	88

A. B. STEWART v. C. T. BEATH.

Stewart (Hongkong) opened badly, his first drive finding the rough but he got out of the difficulty nicely and with a long approach shot got on to the green. His putting was very good and he managed to halve the hole. At the second hole Stewart had the misfortune to top his second stroke and lost the hole by one. At the third hole Beath (Shanghai), with a mid-iron shot, got on to the edge of the green and managed to halve the hole with a six yards putt. At the fourth hole Stewart pulled his drive into the rough but got out of the difficulty well and won the hole with a long putt. Beath had hard luck at the fifth. He topped his drive into the bushes near the tee. This meant putting down another ball, and he lost the hole by two strokes. The sixth was halved. Beath got into the raving with his drive but with a very fine niblick shot saved the hole.

At the seventh, Stewart's drive found the bunker at the foot of the green, but he managed to halve the hole. Beath took four to the green and holed out with his fifth. At the turn the scores stood at 43 for Beath and 40 for Stewart.

Beath won the tenth and twelfth holes and halved the eleventh gaining 3 strokes on his opponent. Stewart had hard luck at the twelfth and lost a stroke in trying to tip the ball in from the edge of the hole with one hand. After this Stewart took control of the game and won three of the next five holes. His drives and approach shots were better placed than Beath's though Beath's putting was remarkably good, especially those from the edge of the green. The last two holes were played in a blinding shower of rain, which somewhat marred what would have been a very good finish.

The scores for the morning round were:—

STEWART	Out—4, 6, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 6—40
Home	5, 5, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 6—42
Total	82

BEATH	Out—4, 5, 3, 5, 6, 5, 4, 5—43
Home	5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 5, 5, 6—43
Total	85

H. R. BUCKLAND v. W. P. ROBERTS.

In this match between Buckland (Hongkong) and Roberts (Shanghai) the Shanghai player won by three strokes. He did the outward journey in 41 against Buckland's 46. At the Gap, Roberts holed out in one under bogey. Buckland's play improved at the Twins and he won five of the nine holes on the homeward bent. The fourteenth and eighteenth were won by Buckland with one under bogey in each case.

The morning scores were:—

BUCKLAND	Out—4, 6, 4, 6, 4, 6, 4, 5—46
Home	5, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 4—41
Total	87

ROBERTS	Out—4, 5, 5, 4, 6, 3, 5, 6—41
Home	5, 5, 3, 5, 6, 3, 6, 3—43
Total	84

A. H. FERGUSON v. K. M. CUMMING.

The match between A. H. Ferguson (Hongkong) and K. M. Cumming (Shanghai) resulted in a win for the latter by one stroke. The remarkable feature of the game was the wonderful play by Ferguson going out. He finished the first nine holes three under bogey with a score of 33. At the Twins he holed out for two (bogey 5) and at the ninth he was leading by six strokes. The turn for home saw a curious change of fortune and Cumming, who was playing steadily, took the upper hand and won five of the nine remaining holes and halved the other four. Ferguson's good fortune had left him. His score coming in was 49, eight strokes over bogey against Cumming's 42.

The morning scores were:—

FERGUSON	Out—4, 2, 3, 4, 7, 6, 3, 3—35
Home	6, 6, 3, 5, 6, 7, 4, 6—49
Total	84

CUMMING	Out—4, 4, 4, 6, 5, 5, 3, 5—41
Home	6, 5, 3, 5, 4, 6, 3, 4—42
Total	83

TIFFIN INTERVAL.

An interval of about one hour was allowed for tiffin and play was resumed at 2 o'clock.

R. M. SMITH v. J. B. FERRIER.

When play was resumed after tiffin it was raining heavily, but fortunately, it cleared shortly after the first pair started out from the Club House. As in the morning, the two champions Ferrier (Shanghai) and Smith (Hongkong) led off. This match was full of striking stages of fortune. Smith at some of the holes gave a wonderful exhibition of putting though his driving and approach work was not as good as that of Ferrier. At the second hole Smith, in driving, pulled the ball into the trees on the hillside, and lost two strokes in getting out of the difficulty. His second stroke at the first and bounced off on to his caddy's bag. The fourth stroke saw the ball well on the green and the player had hard luck in not holing out with his fifth stroke. Ferrier's putting was a little too merry and the hole was halved. At the next hole Smith got on to the green in one and holed out with a good straight putt for two. Ferrier was on the green in two and holed out for four. The fifth hole saw another long putt by Smith which gave him the hole for one stroke under bogey. At the seventh, Smith found the bunker, which cost him the hole. Ferrier got well on to the green with his drive and holed out for bogey. On turning for Home the score stood level at 43. The tenth hole was costly, both taking seven to hole out. At this stage Ferrier found his form and won five of the eight remaining holes, holing out at the twelfth, thirteenth and fifteenth for one under bogey; his driving and approach work was slightly better than that of his opponent. At the 18th and 17th holes Smith was in trouble, driving in both cases into the rough, whereas Ferrier was getting the ball well down the fairway. At the 18th hole Smith showed a return to form and holed out for 2, a good straight putt from the edge of the green, a distance of about 25 yards, finding the hole.

The afternoon scores were:—

SMITH	Out—5, 6, 2, 5, 3, 5, 5, 6—42
Home	7, 6, 4, 6, 3, 5, 2, 7—44
Total	86

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Total	83

MAJOR BAGNALL v. CAPT. BARRETT.

The afternoon match between Bagnall (Hongkong) and Barrett (Shanghai) was very close and resulted in a win for the former by one stroke. The Shanghai player had the advantage going out and at the turn was leading by 5 strokes. Coming in, Bagnall pulled up considerably and wiped off the adverse balance.

The afternoon scores were:—

BARRETT	Out—4, 4, 4, 5, 3, 5, 3, 4, 6—38
Home	5, 6, 4, 3, 5, 5, 7, 5, 4—44
Total	82

BAGNALL	Out—5, 4, 5, 3, 4, 5, 3, 4, 8—43
Home	6, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5—39
Total	81

A. B. STEWART v. C. T. BEATH.

Both players were not in such good form during the afternoon as they were in the morning and their scores were five strokes higher, in the case of Stewart and three in the case of Beath. Stewart started well and won three of the first four holes. Beath winning the next three holes and halving the eighth. At the turn the scores were level. On the journey home Stewart was in trouble at the twelfth and took three strokes over bogey to hole out. Apart from this his play was fairly consistent and he finally gained the victory by one stroke.

The afternoon scores were:—

STEWART	Out—4, 3, 4, 4, 6, 6, 5, 6—43
Home	5, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5—39
Total	82

BEATH	Out—5, 5, 3, 5, 5, 5, 4, 5—43
Home	7, 6, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5—43
Total	86

H. R. BUCKLAND v. W. P. ROBERTS.

Both again played good golf during the afternoon round. Roberts returning the best card for the day—79. Buckland might easily have improved his score but experienced very bad luck at the fifth and eighth holes. Both men did the first hole in four and the next in a similar number, one under bogey. Buckland was on the edge of the third green in one, but it cost him four strokes more to hole out. Roberts did the hole in three. Both improved on bogey at the fourth. At the eighth Buckland got into trouble, hooking his drive into the rough, taking two strokes to recover, and following up with indifferent putting. The hole cost him seven. The Padre took four. On the Home journey Buckland reduced his opponent's lead, at the tenth and eleventh holes. Both men were almost playing perfect golf. Roberts was exceedingly strong in putting, getting the ball down as three or four yards range. Buckland's driving and approaching were good, and he improved in his putting during the later part of the game.

The afternoon scores were:—

BUCKLAND	Out—4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 5, 2, 7—41
Home	5, 5, 3, 4, 4, 6, 4, 5, 4—40
Total	81

ROBERTS	Out—4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3, 3, 4, 5—37
Home	6, 6, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4—42
Total	79

A. H. FERGUSON v. K. M. CUMMING.

In the afternoon A. H. Ferguson (Hongkong) beat K. M. Cumming (Shanghai) by a margin of seven strokes. Ferguson doing the eighteen holes in 81 and Cumming taking 88. Cumming went into the rough at the Twins, but by good putting he succeeded in halving the hole. Both players put badly at the Bamboo, each failing when only a few inches from the hole. Cumming got into the hollow at the Gap, taking two strokes to get out, and losing the hole. Ferguson got into the rough at the Horizon and the hole went to Cumming. At the Armchair Cumming had to play a second ball and lose a stroke, his first going badly into the rough. He took seven to hole out. Cumming again got into the rough at the Pass but by good putting, succeeded in halving.

Cumming drove off well, but he was often in the scrub and frequently failed in his putting, when close to the hole.

The afternoon scores were:—

FERGUSON	Out—4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 6, 3, 5—41
Home	5, 5, 3, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4—40
Total	81

CUMMING	Out—6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 5, 2, 6—43
Home	6, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7, 3, 5, 6—45
Total	88

SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

NAVY & ARMY.

A Tennis match was played between the Navy and Army on the 17th inst., at the U.S.R. Club with the following results:—

Major Leslie Smith and Major Lloyd beat Surg.-Lt. Comdr. Hayes and Surg.-Lt. Morrison; beat Lieut. Harrison and Lt. Comdr. Besant; and lost to Mid. Sparks and Lieut. Chevalier.

Capt. Oliver and Capt. Murray lost to Surg.-Lt. Comdr. Hayes and Surg.-Lt. Morrison; beat Lieut. Harrison and Lt. Comdr. Besant; lost to Mid. Sparks and Lieut. Chevalier.

Col. Clement Smith and Col. Talor lost to Surg.-Lt. Comdr. Hayes and Surg.-Lt. Morrison; beat Lieut. Harrison and Lt. Comdr. Besant; lost to Mid. Sparks and Lieut. Chevalier.

Total:—Navy, 5; Army, 4.

MR. SMITH "BEATS THE BAND."

TELLS HIS LIFE STORY AND DENOUNCES WAR.

[CONTINUED.]

Doubtless by accident and not by design a military band chose the hour of Mr. Fred. B. Smith's address, denouncing war, to give a performance near the City Hall, on Tuesday afternoon. It was a hopeful augury of the ultimate success of argument over force that Mr. Smith's voice was sufficiently powerful to overwhelm the military demonstration, and he seemed in nowise disconcerted by an addition to the usual clamour of passing trams and motor cars which would put many speakers out of their stride. Mr. Smith has a portly presence and a resonant voice that, in the old phrase, made the rafters ring. His oratorical method is to interweave with his more serious observations an account of the life and adventures of Mr. Smith.

The audience learned that, at Geneva, they wanted to send Lord Robert Cecil on a mission of peace to the Orient but, as Lord Robert could not get away, Mr. Smith came instead. We next saw Mr. Smith at the White House, Washington, taking farewell of President Harding. ("Unofficially I represent the President of my own country," said Mr. Smith, in an aside.) Let it be thought that the "spot light" was entirely on Mr. Smith, let it be added that he mentioned that 69 other people were entertained that day.

In London, they pulled Mr. Smith's leg (if the vulgar phrase may be permitted) by assuring him that it was a rare privilege to be entertained at the National Liberal Club. Whereas, as a matter of fact, even so obscure an individual as the present writer has been "dined" at the National Liberal Club—it was by some of the members who are admitted to membership at a reduced fee. On this occasion the late Mr. Storey, Labour Premier of New South Wales, was so moved by Mr. Smith's oratory that, although his doctor had forbidden him to speak, he insisted on moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith, and Mr. Smith wished we could have heard the eloquent things he said.

The question is often asked, more or less facetiously, "What did Mr. Gladstone say in 1886?" Mr. Smith could tell us; he makes a point of being present on historic occasions and he did not miss this one. He had crossed the Atlantic on one of the 35 occasions that he has braved the perils of that ocean and found himself in Liverpool. Mr. Gladstone was to speak that night in Birmingham. To the citizen of a country 3,000 miles across it was a trifle to pop over to the neighbouring township of Birmingham. "I knew nobody; no one was there to meet me," Mr. Smith confided to us. What a pity the hand whose efforts could be faintly heard beneath Mr. Smith's resonant tones was not there that night! Instead of disturbing him now they could have played him from New Street station to Bingley Hall. Then Mr. Smith would not have had to put up with a back seat in the gallery where he only heard one sentence of Mr. Gladstone's speech and that, apparently, not the G.O.M. at his best.

That night, if Mr. Smith was as fortunate as we were when last in Birmingham, he slept at the Midland Hotel, with a telephone at his bedside, a light over his pillow and a bathroom next door, in fact, with all those adjuncts of civilisation without which no good American can rest in peace and all for one-tenth the price he would have paid in his own great country. But, (Mr. Smith did not tell us) perhaps Joe Chamberlain invited him to Highbury that night to meet Mr. Gladstone!

We next saw Mr. Smith in Peking, talking to the "third most distinguished man in China." Leading Chinese residents present looked at one another doubtfully at this; perhaps they wondered whether they came before or after the unknown "No. 3" in Mr. Smith's hierarchy of eminence.

That brings Mr. Smith to Hongkong where he represents the Federal Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Churches and unnumbered millions of Christians. He will speak in 21 capitals of 21 countries before he has done and on Tuesday night he ticked Victoria, the capital of Hongkong, off his list.

Mr. Smith's views on war were interspersed with these autobiographical details. He roundly condemned war as total loss from the time the first gun is fired to the time the last baby dies of starvation and urged that, as the Press and the politicians had not been able to stop it, it was time the Churches tried.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, who presided, expressed the view that, for the churches to succeed in this matter, they must get beyond regarding themselves as national Churches and think internationally. They must rise to a conception of world brotherhood.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.

£76,000 INVOLVED.

Following a cable from the Singapore Police, a Straits Chinese named Yang Ching Sang was arrested here, on board the s.s. *Nayaga*, extradition proceedings were begun, yesterday, before Mr. Wood, on a charge of embezzling £76,000.

Inspector J. Watt said that \$120,077.66 and some jewellery were found in the man's possession.

The defendant asked when he would be sent back. He wanted to fight the matter through a solicitor.

A week's remand was granted.

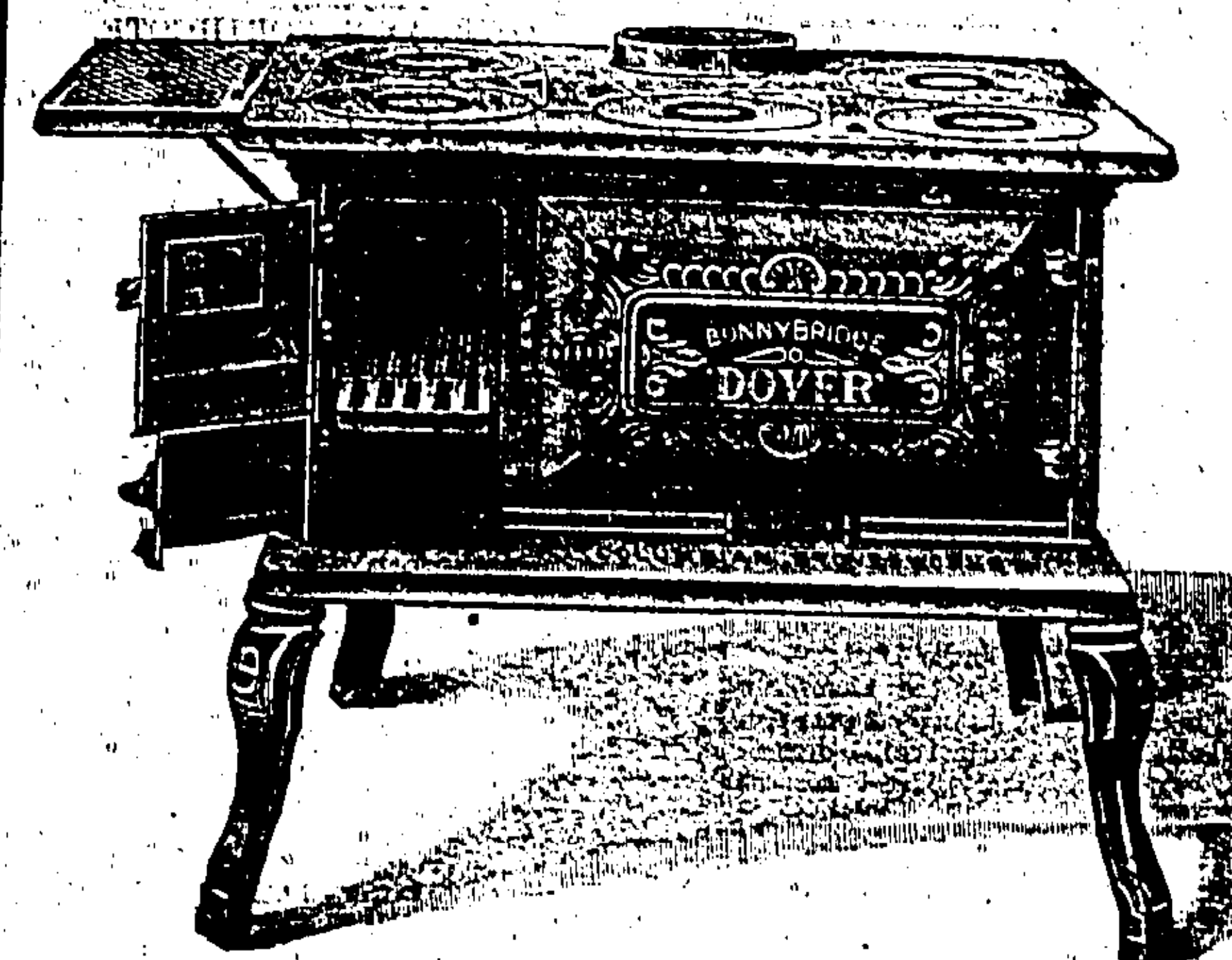
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MEMBERS are eligible to play on the Happy Valley Course only, and to have the use of the Happy Valley Club house only. Entrance fee \$100 (payable on election). Subscription \$300 per month (payable on 1st day of each month). Applications for membership forms and full particulars must be addressed to:

SUB-COMMITTEE,
R. H. K. GOLF CLUB,
Happy Valley.

Members will be balloted for in the order in which applications are received. [257]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 4th February, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1921.

JOHN T. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [252]

MR. A. G. DA ROCHA

Having been favored with instructions from Madam Cienget, will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY, (THURSDAY)

18th January, 1922, at 2.15 p.m., at his Sales Room.

A QUANTITY OF SPLENDID HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

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NOTE.—The above Furniture is mostly made by Powell's, and is in Excellent Condition. Catalogues will be issued for this Sale. Terms—Cash on Delivery.

A. G. DA ROCHA,
Auctioneer,
No. 2A D'Aguiar Street.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1922.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES close on SATURDAY 21st instant at noon and must be sent to the JOCKEY CLUB ROOMS, 3A, Chater Road, on or before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings. [247]

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Special Reduction on the following well known brands—

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Archer's Edinburgh	"	80
Carreras Cromwell	"	1.10
" Hangers	"	1.30
" Muggers	"	80
Spilist Medium Mixture	"	80

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. are instructed to sell the s.s. "KAM MA"

as she now lies in the Typhoon Refuge at Tsamut.

PUBLIC AUCTION

on TUESDAY, the 24th day of January, 1922, at 3 p.m. IN ONE LOT at their Auction Rooms in Duddell Street.

THE ship is a wooden ship of approximately 180 tons capacity with accommodation for about 600 Chinese passengers now nearing completion. For particulars to view apply to Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. the Auctioneers. For further particulars Apply to MESSRS. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors &c., Hongkong, or to The Auctioneers.

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on THURSDAY 26th January, 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to THURSDAY, 26th January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY & NORTHCOOTE, Secretaries.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [201]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to THURSDAY, 26th January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY & NORTHCOOTE, Secretaries.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [200]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on THURSDAY, 26th January, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to THURSDAY, 26th January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY & NORTHCOOTE, Secretaries.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [198]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRTY FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on THURSDAY 26th January, 1922, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January to THURSDAY, 26th January, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY & NORTHCOOTE, Secretaries.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [198]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Union Building, on TUESDAY, February 7th, 1922, at 12 O'Clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 24th to February 7th, 1922, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1922. [220]

THE HONGKONG ELEC. RIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Transfer Books of the above Company will be closed from 28th January to 7th February 1922, both days inclusive.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1922. By Order of the Board, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents. [246]

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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

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A special department is attached for designing and supplying of ready made reinforcements (any tonnage) with or without supervision of works under my responsibility.

L. GAIN,
Civil Engineer, E.T.P. (Paris) [219]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE

THE Steamship

"KWAISANG" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra, hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whomever and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 15th, 1922. [232]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"NAGOTA" Arrived Hongkong, January 22nd, 1922.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBE & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on MONDAY and TUESDAY.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAACKINSON, MAACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, January 22nd, 1922. [241]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PHEMIUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 17th January.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd Jan. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 5th Feb., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 17th, 1922. [245]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for: Boxes: CK, GS, KX, LM, LN, LR, LT, LW, MA, MK, MZ, NB, NP, OG, PD, PB, PG, A AO

WANTED, a Peak House or Bungalow for summer months. Reply Box PL, c/o Daily Press Office. [18]

WANTED a Daily Teacher for Lower School Subjects. Apply Hon. Secretary, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Kowloon. [19]

TO LET.—4 room Flat from 1st February. Apply to Arratoon V. Apar, 6, Des Vaux Road. [17]

A YOUNG MAN, capable of introducing business and with many years experience in an Import and Export firm seeks POSITION. Reply Box PK, c/o Daily Press Office. [16]

WANTED—Small furnished house (with grounds if possible) at the Peak near Tram Station or at Upper levels. Apply Box No. P.I. c/o Daily Press Office. [12]

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MARRIAGE.

NEILSON—JARDINE—At Queens' Park Manso, Glasgow, on December 28th, 1921, by the Rev. Adam Mackay, B.D., DONALD MCLAREN NEILSON, Hongkong, youngest son of the late John Neilson, Greenock, to JESSIE RUTH JARDINE, daughter of the late Wm. Jardine, Millbank, Lockerbie and of Mrs. Jardine, 8, Dixon Road, Crosshill, Glasgow. [250]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. C. M. W. REYNOLDS and Mr. F. L. COCKE desire to thank their many friends for their kind expression of sympathy, letters of condolence, and the beautiful floral tributes sent, in their recent sad bereavement. [248]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VEAUX RD.,

LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 19TH, 1922.

THE CHINESE HOUSING PROBLEM IN HONGKONG.

OVERCROWDING is a question of so much public importance in Hongkong that no excuse is needed for reverting to the subject which we discussed when the Report on the Census of the Colony was published some six weeks ago. We drew particular attention to a paragraph in which the Census Officer pointed out that building activities had failed to keep pace with the growth of the Chinese population. In the ten years prior to the taking of the Census last April, tenement accommodation had been provided in Hongkong and Kowloon for 108,755 persons, reckoned on the very high average of 15 persons to a floor, but as the total increase in the Chinese urban population during that time, as ascertained by the Census, had been 157,308, some 50,000 persons had been left to find accommodation in houses already fully occupied in 1911. We recalled the fact that an expert scientist engaged by the Government to investigate the causes of an epidemic of cerebro-spinal fever which had broken out in the Colony had laid stress in his report on the danger to public health of the overcrowding which exists in the Colony, and we asked for the information respecting the progress

of building operations which the Hon. Mr. POUCECOCK has since elicited from the Government. It is satisfactory to learn from the figures supplied that the number of floors in Chinese tenement houses which have been made available for occupation since the Census was taken gives a yearly average well above that of the inter-censal period. For the previous decade the average rate of building had been 711 floors in Chinese tenement houses a year. Since the 24th of April last—that is in a period of nine months—1,070 floors have been made available for occupation, and in the next six months it is anticipated that 970 more will be available for occupation. At an average of 15 persons to a floor provision will have been made for a little over 30,000 by the end of June next. On the showing of the Census report this still leaves some 20,000 persons crowded into tenements already fully occupied, so that if the population of the Colony continues to increase at the rate revealed by the last Census, the need for a continuance of building operations on a scale which does not fall below the present figures is seen to be imperative, if the pressure on the housing accommodation of the Colony is not to become worse than it is already. What is the prospect of this? It may be said that the figures supplied by the Government do not go to support an impression that the Rents Restriction Ordinance enacted last April, has discouraged investment in new construction; but it is just as well to recollect that most, if not all, of this building construction must have been well in hand at the time the Rents Restriction Ordinance was passed. The fact that the ordinance applies only to houses occupied at the time it was passed by the Legislature, and not to new construction, should certainly to serve to encourage new building, and it is to be hoped that the progress indicated by the figures supplied by the Government will continue on an undiminished scale. Incidentally the figures supplied by the Government draw attention to the growth of Kowloon. More than three-fourths of the additional two thousand floors which will have been provided by the end of June are in Kowloon. The most casual observer who traverses the territory lying between the harbour front and the range of hills cannot but be impressed with the many indications, apparent on every hand, of extensive plans of development which are now in various stages of progress, there. The opening up of the territory by the hundred-foot road, on which the work is well advanced, and the subsidiary roads which will connect with it, already marked out in some instances, are certain greatly to accelerate building projects in that district. There are large schemes in hand for providing houses in this district for Europeans as well as for Chinese, and within the next ten years it is probable that we shall see the territory well covered with houses extending right back to the hills which doubtless will one day enter into rivalry with the Peak as a desirable residential district.

Among the departures by the *Egypt* yesterday besides Lieut-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, Lady Kirkpatrick and daughters were Mr. E. J. Grist, were Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department) who goes on leave, and several members of the Police Force who are proceeding Home on leave.

The Straits Settlements loan was over-subscribed some time before the announcement made originally for the closing of the lists. It is said, according to the *London and China Express*, that some of the underwriters were prepared to bet they would be left with 70 per cent. of the stock; they will have been agreeably surprised to find that they are cleared of their commitments.

The Netherlands Indies Government recently gave an order to purchase 75,000 tons of foreign rice, destined to cover an eventual rice shortage in Java. Owing to the changed circumstances, the order now appears to be unnecessary, so that it must be cancelled, causing a Government loss of about two million guilders. So far the orders for 41,000 tons of Saigon rice have been cancelled, says a Netherlands Indies message dated the 9th inst.

The French warship *Moncalm* with Marshal Joffre on board is due to reach Yokohama to-morrow. Marshal Joffre is to be welcomed to Japan, at the Central Station, Tokyo, by the Prince Regent and high Government officials. During the first five days of his stay the Marshal and his family will be guests of the Imperial Household and immediately after their residence in the city will be taken to the residence of Baron Iwasaki in Takamawa where they will stay during that time.

Among the passengers arriving on the P. & O. *Kashgar* are Mr. R. Kibblewhite, Manager of the Earth Works of Callenders Cable and Construction Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Kibblewhite, who is a sister of Sir Thomas Callendar. Mr. Kibblewhite, who is accompanied by Mr. M. J. Cox, formerly Reuters' Manager for South China, is touring the Far East for the purpose of investigating present and future electrical plants and schemes and hopes to visit the principal cities in China and Japan.

The *Geographical Journal* has an appreciative notice of Mr. John Thomson, through whose death on October 7th the Society lost one of its oldest members, as he had been a Fellow for fifty-five years. He was in his sixth year. He was the pioneer in the application of photography to travel. He went to Ceylon in 1852, but through illness had to return. Starting again in 1855 for the Malay Peninsula, he went to Siam and Cambodia, on to Macao, Hongkong, Amoy, Formosa, Foochow, Chusan, and Shanghai, with occasional journeys into the interior. In 1875 he published a general narrative of his travels under the title of *The Straits of Malacca, Indo-China, and China: Ten Years' Travels, Adventures, and Residence in the Far East*.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR KOWLOON.

Replying to an inquiry by Mr. C. A. da Rosa, acting hon. secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association, the Colonial Secretary has communicated the information that the portion of the General Hospital in Kowloon for which tenders will probably be invited in about two months will take about two years to construct.

DEPARTURE OF LT.-GENERAL SIR G. M. KIRKPATRICK.

A large number of people were at Murray Pier yesterday morning, in spite of wretched weather, to say good-bye to Lieut-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., on his departure after relinquishing the China Command. Lady Kirkpatrick and the Misses Kirkpatrick who also sailed by the *Egypt* were given handsome bouquets by some of their friends and for a quarter of an hour or more farewells were exchanged.

Prominent amongst those present were Sir George Kirkpatrick's successor, H.E. Maj.-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., Lady Stubbs, H.E. the Governor's A.D.C. (Capt. Neville), the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Severn, Sir Charles Addis, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving and Miss Irving, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. Montague Ede, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. H. P. White, and many others. A great many military officers also attended. Amongst those noticed were Colonel Nicholson, D.A.A.G., Colonel Wyndham, (Commanding the Wilts. Regt.), Colonel Davy, R.E., Colonel Hylop (Commanding the Liverpool Regt.), Major Bagnall, Capt. Fisher, Capt. Spinks and others. A number of officers of the Liverpool Regiment and some naval officers also attended.

The Wilts. Regt. mounted a guard of honour under the command of Major Rapson and the Band was also present. Before proceeding to the *Egypt*, by the W.D. launch *Onyiah*, Sir George Kirkpatrick visited H.M.S. *hawking* to take leave of H.E. the Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff. The launch left the pier amid the vigorous cheers of those assembled.

A Special Command Order by Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Commanding the Forces in China, was issued yesterday, saying:—"On behalf of all ranks of the China Command I desire to convey to Lieut-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., their regret that he is leaving this Command, their pride in having served under him, and their very best wishes to him and Lady Kirkpatrick in the future."

A wire from Bangkok to Straits papers states that the long awaited lottery was drawn on Sunday, January 8th. The result was that a Chinese hawker won the first prize, which if the lottery filled would have been Ticals 200,000. The second went to a medical student and the third to a Siamese girl living up country.

Four Chinese were sentenced at Singapore Assizes last week to penal servitude for life, for returning from banishment.

Mr. G. N. Orme will deliver a short address on "Life of the People of China" to the Reading Circle of the Helena May Institute, to-day, at 10.30 a.m. All interested are invited.—(Advv).

A money-changer's shop in Kennedy Town was held up by two armed robbers on Wednesday evening. One terrorised the staff with a revolver while the other collected \$350 from the till.

Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel W. A. Blake, Wilshire Regiment, on vacating the command of a brigade in Egypt, has reverted to regimental duty with the Wilshires, the 2nd Battalion of which is at Hongkong.

Miss Barker, of the Foundling Home, Pokfulam, was thrown from a ricksha on Wednesday and sustained a fracture of the arm and other injuries so serious as to necessitate her removal to the Government Civil Hospital. The accident happened near the University. In making a sharp turn the vehicle overturned.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH BUTLER'S AGENCY.]

AT WASHINGTON.

MR. WILSON AND THE FOUR-POWER PACT.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

It is reliably stated that the fate of the Four-Power Pacific Pact may be decided by ex-President Wilson who has hitherto, since his retirement, refrained from interference with politics. Apparently Mr. Wilson opposes the Pact on the ground that it does not constitute a minor League of Nations nor does it tend to promote that idea, but that it merely constitutes another balance of power agreement likely to result in further wars and entanglements. It is expected that Mr. Wilson will shortly make a public pronouncement denouncing the Pact. Democratic circles predict that Mr. Wilson's action will detach at least six of the fourteen Democrats now supporting the treaty, leaving only six republicans required to defeat the Pact, the irreconcilables, led by Senators Borah, La Follette and Hiram Johnson doubtless providing the necessary reinforcement.

THE "OPEN DOOR."

It is understood that Mr. Hughes' "open door" resolution does not prohibit the acquisition of properties and rights necessary for any particular commercial, industrial or financial undertakings in China which, in the second part of the resolution, undertakes to be guided by the principles of the "open door" as regards applications for economic rights and privileges. The parties agree to refer all disputes to an impartial commission.

LATER.

Apart from the points mentioned earlier the official revised text of Mr. Hughes' "open door" resolution follows the lines of the original declaration, binding the signatory Governments and their nationals not to seek superior rights over others. The resolution provides for the establishment of a Board of Reference in China to which disputes under the agreement may be referred for investigation.

PRIVATE CONCESSIONS IN CHINA.

LATER.

At a meeting of the Far Eastern Committee, Mr. Hughes proposed the establishment of an international tribunal in order to consider disputes over private concessions to foreigners in China. It is reported that Britain and Italy supported and France opposed the proposal which provides for the protection not only of China but of the Powers from encroachments by other nationals. The Japanese supported the proposal in principle, asking for time before replying formally.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE.

NO PROGRESS MADE AT THE CONFERENCE.

JOHANNESBURG, January 18th.

A communiqué states that no progress was made at the conference between the Chamber of Mines and the Industrial Federation. This has greatly disappointed the public. The position is now described as the worst since the beginning of the strike. Pumping in all except two mines is proceeding satisfactorily.

THE MOPLAH RISING.

OVER TWO THOUSAND INSURGENTS KILLED.

DELHI, January 18th.

It was officially stated in the Council of State that 2,250 Moplahs were killed and 5,721 sentenced to imprisonment. Many thousands of Hindus were forcibly converted to Islam. The military expenditure on the Moplah campaign amounted to fifteen lakhs.

THE FUTURE OF INDIA.

The Legislative Assembly adopted with acclamation a resolution welcoming the Prince of Wales's visit and expressing confidence that a full measure of responsible Government could not be long delayed, anticipating the day when India would take her proper place as an equal partner in the British Commonwealth.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.
PREMIERS EXCHANGE CORDIAL GREETING.

LONDON, January 18th.

M. Poincaré and Mr. Lloyd George exchanged cordial telegrams on the occasion of the formation of the new Paris Ministry, M. Poincaré declaring that France will hasten to resume, in the most cordial spirit, the examination of Anglo-French questions firmly hoping that by mutual confidence they will succeed in solving the questions in the best interests of the two countries. Mr. Lloyd George replied: The British regard the safety of France from German aggression, the maintenance of the Treaty of Versailles and payment of reparations to France, as common interests of the two peoples for which the French and British must stand together.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

INVITATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, January 18th.

The State Department has received an invitation to participate in the Economic Conference at Genoa.

EARLIER CABLES.

TWENTY-SIX NATIONS NOW INVITED.

LONDON, January 17th.

Twenty-four Europeans have been invited to the Genoa conference, in addition to the United States and Japan. It is still doubtful whether the British Dominions will be represented.

The Hague, January 17th. Holland has been invited to the Genoa conference.

GREAT CANAL SCHEME.

FROM GREAT LAKES TO THE ATLANTIC.

WASHINGTON, January 17th.

President Harding has transmitted to the Senate without comment a joint commission's report recommending the creation of the Lakes-Atlantic scheme mentioned in the message of the 12th inst. The engineers estimate the cost of a 30-ft. channel on the St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario to Montreal at \$269,000,000 and on the Welland canal at \$69,000,000. [The previous message stated: A Bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives authorizing the construction of a channel connecting the Great Lakes with the sea via the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence River, the expense to be equally borne by the United States and Canada.]

IMPROVING THE ST. LAWRENCE.

LATER.

President Harding intends to use his influence to commence negotiations for an Anglo-American treaty with a view to the improvement of the River St. Lawrence between Lake Ontario and Montreal.

THE SHANTUNG MINES.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE STILL DISPUTING.

WASHINGTON, January 17th.

Virtually no progress was made at today's China-Japanese conference, which dealt with the question of the iron and coal mines in the Kinohow leasehold. The Chinese desired to control the mines, offering the Japanese a 50 per cent. share in the capital, but the Japanese objected and intimated that they would require joint control.

A Japanese delegate interviewed, declared that the dispute was similar to the discussion which took place over the control of the Shantung Railway. The delegate stated that the Japanese suggested joint control of the mines by Chinese and Japanese companies, the two Governments being in no wise party to the arrangement, the details of which should be left to a Sino-Japanese commission. The Chinese declined to accept the suggestion.

TREASURY BOND ISSUES.

LONDON, January 17th.

The receipt of applications for 5½ per cent. Treasury Bonds due May 15th, 1930, terminated at the close of business today. On and after the 23rd inst. applications will be received for an issue of 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds due February 1st, 1927, at the same price of issue—namely, 99.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

FRENCH MUNICIPALITY RAISES MONEY IN LONDON.

PARIS, January 17th.

A new departure, that of raising money in a foreign country, has been taken by the Seine Department, which has been authorized to issue 25,000,000 of bonds in London, interest 7 per cent., redeemable in sterling in thirty years.

ALLIED DEBTS TO THE U.S.

PRESIDENT APPROVES SENATE FUNDING BILL.

WASHINGTON, January 17th.

It is officially stated that the Senate Bill dealing with the funding of Allied debts meets with President Harding's approval.

BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE.
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE PLEAD FOR IMPROVEMENT.

LONDON, January 17th.

A meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain passed a resolution urging the Government further to improve the British Consular Service in order to facilitate British trade abroad.

Sir George Renwick, M.P., moving the resolution, declared that Britain was losing export trade because the Consular Service was inadequate, underpaid, and understaffed.

Sir William Clark, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, emphasised that much had been done in the past few years to improve the Consular Service. Salaries had been raised, housing improved, and the salaries of personnel increased. The Service today cost over a million sterling compared with £400,000 before the war. It was quite impracticable to abolish foreign consular posts, but improvements had been made where most needed.

BILLS OF LADING.

NEW BRITISH COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, January 17th.

As an outcome of the committee under the chairmanship of Sir Stephen Demetriadi established in 1920 to discuss the conditions which certain shipowners endeavoured to impose regarding India and homeward bills of lading, the Federation of British Traders' Associations was formed to-day comprising prominent oilseed, cotton, tea, and shellac associations.

The inaugural meeting passed a resolution urging legislation on the lines of the Imperial Shipping Committee's report, declined to accept The Hague rules, but offered to meet shipowners to discuss a definitive form of bill of lading acceptable to both sides.

VESSEL AFIRE.

TRAGIC SCENE IN THE NORTH SEA.

LONDON, January 17th.

Eleven lives were lost through the burning in the North Sea of the German steamer *Netta*, whose cargo of naphtha exploded.

One boat was destroyed and another swept away by the heavy sea. Three men were drowned.

Several of the crew, including the mate, with his newly-married wife in his arms, jumped over-board and were drowned. A Lowestoft trawler very pluckily rescued ten survivors.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

LASTS OVER AN HOUR IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 17th.

An earthquake shock described as most severe and estimated to have occurred 2,500 miles south of Washington was recorded by the seismograph at midnight. It lasted over an hour.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE PUISSE JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPTON).]

TRACING STOLEN CLOTH.

Three men, Ip Chung, Chan Chung and Pang Nuen, were indicted for a gdown robbery on the night of December 6th. The first two men were charged with stealing 35 rolls of cloth and the third with receiving part of the property well knowing it to have been stolen. The prisoners pleaded not guilty.

The following were empanelled as a jury—Messrs. Duncan Tolson, W. L. L. Barker, D. C. Baptista, J. Smith, Sun T. Ying, A. N. Reid, and A. L. Burton.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, who conducted the case for the Crown, stated that the gdown of the Kwong Yuen Tai firm, at 104, Des Vaux Road West, was broken into. A hole was made in the roof by the removal of tiles. Two cases of rolled cloth had been broken open and the contents removed. Altogether 54 rolls were stolen. Thirty-five rolls of the stolen cloth were traced to various junk and shops. The cloth could be identified because of certain trade marks. The police, after finding cloth in one small night soil boat, kept watch. The two men charged with stealing the cloth came to the boat to see about its disposal and were caught. The prosecution alleged that the first two men actually took part in the theft and were trying to dispose of the cloth through the co-operation of others.

Evidence was then given and the prisoners were found guilty. The first two prisoners were sentenced to two-and-a-half years' imprisonment with hard labour and the third prisoner to 18 months.

RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

Chan Yau was charged with returning to the Colony in contravention of an order of banishment. The prisoner admitted the facts and the Judge sentenced him to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Manila has telegraphed to the Chamber of Commerce in Peking reporting that through the recommendation of the new Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, General Wood, the Senate has adopted a resolution postponing the enforcement of the Chinese book-keeping law to January 1st, 1923, instead of enforcing it this year. The Chinese Chambers of Commerce throughout the country are requested by the Chinese traders in the Philippines to assist them to get the objectionable rules cancelled entirely by the Philippine authorities.

SHANGHAI GOLFERS ENTERTAINED.

INTERPORT DINNER LAST NIGHT.

The Shanghai team were entertained, after yesterday's match, at the Hongkong Hotel last night, when the chair was taken by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, President of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (the hosts).

After an excellent dinner, the toast of "The King" having been honoured.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen, I want you to drink the health of the Shanghai team—(applause). I am sure you all agree that it was a very sporting of them to send down perhaps the best team that could be collected in North China in the hope of recovering this trophy. The match seems to have been a very close thing but the visiting team is always at a disadvantage on these occasions—the rooster fights best on his own dunghill as a rule—(laughter). Besides, I have to apologise to the visiting team for the behaviour of Mr. Ferguson—(laughter and applause)—the visiting team are prepared for bad luck, but they are not prepared for a 180 yards putt—(laughter). It possibly made the difference between winning and losing the game. However, I have Mr. Ferguson's promise that he will not repeat the performance, if he is in the team next time—(laughter). It does seem a pretty hopeless task for a visiting team to recover the cup under such conditions as exist at present. I think I can promise, on behalf of this Club, that it will very favourably consider any modifications of the conditions which the Shanghai Club would like to suggest—(applause). I do not see by what other means the competition can be made more interesting and at present I do not see any prospect of the cup leaving Hongkong—(laughter)—unless these conditions are modified. No doubt the team will carry that message back to their colleagues in Shanghai.

Mr. STEPHEN remarked that there was something mechanical in the day's scores; they resembled bogey rather closely—not too closely, of course—(laughter)—but still they all began with 8. It occurred to him that the conditions might be still further modified; there was no occasion to send down the best golfers from Shanghai. If Shanghai sent down promising young players like Mr. Bernard Clarke, Mr. "Tiny" Metwood and Mr. E. C. Pearce and three other men of similar calibre, Mr. Stephen would undertake to lead a team against them. He was sure the score would make far more interesting reading—(laughter). He commended that, also, to the very favourable consideration of the Shanghai team. "I personally am sorry," added Mr. Stephen, "that the modified 'team' was not at the match. We can only hope they will not be discouraged but will persevere and be sent here again next year. I am still something of a Shanghai man myself but I am rapidly acquiring the Hongkong atmosphere—(laughter). All that remains for me to do is to present the trophies to the winning team."—(Applause).

The trophies were then presented amid much enthusiasm, and the health of the visiting team was drunk with musical honours.

Capt. E. I. M. BARRETT, responded on behalf of the visitors. He heartily congratulated the winning team. The Shanghai team did a great deal better than they expected and, having got so near winning, the pain of losing became rather more poignant than it might otherwise have been. One felt inclined to say, "If I had not had a seven at the 18th, and so on and so forth; it was all part of the glorious uncertainties of the game." "Personally," added Capt. Barrett, "I enjoyed every minute of the match, I played against a very fine golfer, Major Bagnall, and I have rarely seen such a fine exhibition of golf in my experience—(applause). He could not emulate Mr. Ferguson's 180 yards putt, but my God! he only took two on every green—(laughter and applause). Mr. Stephen has made the very remarks I hoped he would make. We do not consider the conditions of the competition altogether satisfactory and I don't think that you yourselves think them satisfactory."—(Applause). The suggestions that we would make, tentatively, are that future matches should be something in this form—six a side match play, possibly four balls after lunch. Under present conditions it does not seem right to me that you should have five people in the team, two of whom are not pulling their weight. Under present conditions, to-day, anybody might have won. At the same time, had there been six a side I have not the slightest doubt who would have won, judging from the scores. There is no doubt about it you are stronger than we are. We like it very much being entertained here every year, but we would very much like to see you up in Shanghai and North China, giving us the opportunity to return that lavish hospitality you give us when we come here."

Turning to the Hon. Mr. Stephen, Capt. Barrett mentioned the photograph in the Shanghai Golf Club of a shot that Mr. Stephen made: to this day nobody had ever discovered whether he was right handed or left handed—(laughter). The Hongkong Golf Club was to be congratulated on having Mr. Stephen as its President. Having had the pleasure of working with Mr. Stephen in Golf Club affairs Capt. Barrett knew what an asset to any Club. As an astute man of business, Mr. Stephen's sound judgment and advice had been of great assistance, although, personally, added Capt. Barrett, "my relations with him in business leave him under considerable obligations to myself."—(Loud laughter).

(Continued at foot of next column.)

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTIONS.

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

St. Paul's Girls' School, in Caine Road, is looking so shabby, and is also too small to accommodate the children, much less the parents, that the prize-giving yesterday was held at the Theatre Royal. The theatre was the more suitable because the children gave an exceedingly good entertainment in the presence of a large assembly.

The HEADMISTRESS, in her report, stated that in 1919 nine girls graduated, and now there were eight graduates, two having been pupils of the School since its establishment in 1915. The highest number on the roll in 1921 was 250 as against 170 in the previous year, showing an increase of 80 pupils; the highest average number in one month was 231, and the highest attendance on one day was 231. The staff had also grown from 20 to 28, including five foreign teachers, but excluding four part-time teachers who were kindly giving their services gratuitously.

In thanking the staff, Miss Woo took pride in mentioning that on his inspection in December last Mr. Cavalier remarked that, on the whole, the girls spoke better English than some children who studied in English schools. After giving an account of the school work during the year, Miss Woo continued: There can be no doubt that the School is meeting the need of an important section of the Chinese community, but, unfortunately, we have outgrown the number that the present premises can accommodate; the existing building is old and dilapidated; it is situated in a noisy locality, and is surrounded by tenement houses. We are also greatly hampered by having no playground, and it is so essential that the physical side of the children should have its full development. In view of the rapid growth of the School, I venture to express the hope that the Government will, in the near future, grant us a suitable site for erecting thereon a new building with a gymnasium and a playground. If a site is granted, I am sure that the friends and parents of the girls will help us to raise part of the cost of the building.

Inviting Mrs. Severn to present the prizes, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, Chairman, said it was a great day in the history of St. Paul's Girls' School and a great day to the eight graduates, to whom he offered his congratulations on their success, especially the two who had been in the School since its inception. It was a great day in the history of the School because it showed a forward movement in the growth of the institution which, as was pointed out by the headmistress, had become insufficient to meet with the exigencies. "I think St. Paul's Boys' School should feel proud of their sister school," said Mr. Stewart. "She is only seven years old but she is a fine growing child. And now she is like a child who has grown so large that her clothes are not large enough for her and the problem before us to-day is to secure sufficiently-large clothes." Mr. Stewart referred to the activities of St. Paul's Girls' School, as meriting hearty congratulations.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution Mrs. Severn was presented with a beautiful bouquet.

TSANG FOO SCHOOL.

Mr. Tsang Foo not only lent the school which forms part of his residence for the prize-giving of about seven Kowloon vernacular schools, held yesterday, but provided cars to take visitors to and from the Star Ferry at Kowloon for the occasion. H.E. the Governor was prevented by the pressure of public business from attending and the Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving) reigned in his stead. The prizes were duly presented and the visitors had a most interesting afternoon. They were entertained to music, by two bands and to tea before the departure and a group photograph was taken. Mr. Irving said these schools had done so well this year that they would all receive the Government subsidy.

Capt. BARRETT referred to the proposal to form a Far Eastern Golfing Association whereby all members of Clubs in the Far East, affiliated to the Association, could become playing members immediately they went to another port. He hoped they would not wait for all the ports between here and India to come out would make a start with China. It was remained for him to thank the Club for their lavish hospitality; it seemed to him that until the conditions were altered the Hongkong would have the pleasure of entertaining them until the last trump—(laughter). It had been a pleasure to play on the beautiful Fanning course; it had improved out of all knowledge since he last played on it. Certainly it was the finest course in the East—"But (Capt. Barrett made a significant pause) "keep straight." (Laughter).

The visitors then drank the health of the Hongkong team and raised a cheer of surprising volume.

Mr. T. W. HILL, the Captain, replied on behalf of the Hongkong team in one sentence. "If you have enjoyed yourselves," he said, "as much as we have enjoyed having you, we have all had a thundering good time."

Rev. H. G. ROBINSON, on behalf of members of the Services, thanked both Clubs for the hospitality they had always extended.

At 11 o'clock the official termination of the dinner was marked by singing "God Save the King."

THE STRIKE.

OWNERS WITHDRAW THE OFFER OF INCREASES.

The situation has reached a deadlock. There were no indications yesterday that the men were prepared to return to work on the basis of the offer which the owners have made to them and late last night the notice of which the following is a translation was issued by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax:—

Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, in the matter of a notice:—

With reference to the notices published recently from time to time, intimating that the Shipping Companies were prepared to make certain detailed increases in wages to seamen, it is hereby notified that the Shipping Companies have cancelled all such notices. Seamen desiring to return to duty on their ships are, however, at liberty to return at their old rate of wages; after their return the Shipping Companies are prepared to consider with them any representation as to the inadequacy of the old rate of wages, and the Companies will where necessary agree to Arbitration in matters which cannot be settled by agreement. In view of the present attitude of the seamen, the Shipping Companies have also decided that if any increase of wages is decided on, such increase can only be dated from the day on which they returned to work. This notice is made for the information of the whole body of seamen. This notice.

Dated January 18th, 1922.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

RUGBY LEADERS CHECKED.

EDINBURGH DEFEATS CAMBRIDGE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, November 30th.

Far and away the best Rugby match in Scotland was that between Glasgow Academicals and Heriotians; also it was the most important, having an effect on the destination of the Club Championship. All through it was a great argument, and resulted in a narrow defeat of the Glasgow club, the present leaders. Heriot's upset the Academical machinery by relentless tackling, quick following up, and equally quick breaking up. The game was neither spectacular nor exciting, but doug fighting from beginning to end. The score was a fair reflex of the play, and the old boys of "Jingling Gordie's" Hospital are justifiably proud of having checked the triumphant march of their opponents, it was the first defeat the Academicals had suffered this season.

The Glasgow Academicals still stand at the top of the Rugby table, but have only a slight advantage over Heriot's. Their record for 12 games is 11 won and 1 lost; while Heriot's, for 9 games is 8 won and 1 lost. Of the two clubs, Heriot's have the heaviest engagement list to face.

Another outstanding game was the trial at Dundee between North and South of Scotland, when the South had an easy victory. South are coming to the front in Rugby and are sure to be better represented in the International teams than in the past.

Edinburgh University had a most successful tour in England, following up their victory over the United Hospitals by defeating Cambridge. Although the light Blues were fully represented behind, their forwards were not the pick of their pack, and they were beaten both in the scrummages and in the loose.

Cambridge, it may be remarked here a wider field of selection in their college teams and a greater number of players than Edinburgh University, even when they call on their students who usually play for outside Edinburgh clubs.

On returning home, Edinburgh University had a third victory over University teams. They beat Trinity College, Dublin after a good stiff fight. Both sides were without International representatives.

Cambridge Univ., 5; Edin. Univ., 14.
Edin. Univ., 13; Trinity College, Dublin, 3.
South, 29; North, 6.
Heriotians, 6; Glasgow Academicals, 4.
Watsonians, 27; Glas. Univ., 0.
Wanderers, 13; Royal High School F.P., 0.
Edin. Univ., 11; Stewartians, 3.
West, 31; Old Spierians, 0.
Watson's, 16; Edin. Academy, 0.
Fettes, 14; Merchiston, 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Remarkable equality prevails among what may be called the rank and file of the Association teams, six draws being registered last week. Rangers, however, are gradually drawing away in advance, and spoiling any idea of a struggle for the Championship of the League. Celtic, their nearest challengers, are dropping behind; they have lost another point. One or two surprises, however, were noticeable. Queen's Park inflicted the first defeat the "Bairns" of Falkirk have suffered for some months. Dumbarton snatched an unexpected point from Hibernians. Aberdeen gave a shock to Partick Thistle. And Dundee were disappointing after their recent improvement in form.

Aberdeen, 2; Partick Thistle, 1.
Airdrie, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.
Ayr, 0; Morton, 0.
Olyde, 1; Albion Rovers, 1.
Olydebank, 1; Hearts, 1.
Hibs, 0; Dumbarton, 0.
Motherwell, 3; Celtic, 1.
Queen's Park, 2; Falkirk, 1.
Rush Rovers, 2; Third Lanark, 2.
Rangers, 5; Hamilton, 0.
St. Mirren, 3; Dundee, 1.

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The Rev. the Hon. E. Lyttelton, late headmaster of Eton College, gave evidence on December 2nd before the Birth Rate Commission of the National Council of Public Morals, at Rhonda House, when Dr. C. J. Bond, member of the Medical Research Council, presided in the absence of the president, the Bishop of Birmingham.

The question of the instruction of adolescents was dealt with by witnesses, and Dr. Lyttelton was examined at length on his experiences with the public school boys. In reply to the chairman, he said the question of home training in England in regard to special classes of boys who went to the public school was largely a matter of temperament. Parents did not cognize that what they had to do with each single child born was that they must change the child's view of life to point out that he had been born into something higher and totally different.

Dr. Bond: In regard to the special problems of the sex outlook of the boy, would you trace that, wholly or chiefly to a religious appeal, or would you add anything from the point of view of racial conscience?

Dr. Lyttelton: I think that the religious appeal must be at the back of everything. The boy requires instruction in this matter most unquestionably, not only as a way of keeping him from trouble, but because he cannot otherwise get a true view of nature, and natural law, and his relation to God is imperfectly conceived of. I do want to make it very plain that it is a matter of enlightening the boy when he has a right to be enlightened.

As to the age at which boys should receive their first instruction, Dr. Lyttelton thought that it should be at the age of 9 years. Then he should be perfectly able to understand the facts of maternity. More, however, ought to be said later, as the boy required to be told about paternity, and that he thought was the more important of the two. The age for that should be about 12 or 13 assuming that the boy had not heard anything wrong from companions, and in modern preparatory schools one could be certain of that as now-a-days it was most astonishing how cute-minded the boys were at those schools. The unfortunate part about it was that a great many fathers could not tell the boys properly, and for the benefit of those parents who shrink from such an ordeal, he recommended that they should obtain certain pamphlets from the White Cross League which were published as a result of a conference called many years ago by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He contended that in regard to the elder boys there had been a great deal of scandalous neglect on the part of the headmasters, and he had made it a practice when boys were leaving school to go into life of taking them in groups and pointing out the dangers they were likely to meet. As a result of his experience, he believed that the right motive to appeal to was simply reverence for the boy's own nature and for his parents. Without saying much, they could connect the matter with parenthood, and the boy would learn his relation to his own father and mother, and at once the matter assumed a certain sanctity. In conclusion, Dr. Lyttelton said it was an important fact which had never been denied that the greatest men in our own national history came from the country parsonages and halls. That was so up to the year 1860, and the great question for people, who were looking into these matters to ascertain, was what was the difference between those homes had the other homes at that time.

Miss Selina Dix, representing the National Union of Teachers, gave facts in regard to her experience in girls' schools. The conversion of parents to the opinion that knowledge meant protection and health would, she said, help to break down the traditions which had hindered mental and physical soundness.

The co-operation of parents and teachers was a great gain, and among the school gatherings of parents with teachers not one voice had condemned what must be regarded by the parents as a somewhat surprising departure from the old ways. She held the opinion that the training course of both men and women teachers, elementary or secondary, should include instruction in human physiology and sex hygiene, that they might deal with these as with other subjects, without the self-conscious attitude that hindered in the teacher and in the child the exact phase it was hoped to assist. The crowding of whole families into one or two rooms was adverse for much low street behaviour which tended to immorality. The full operation of the Education Act would be a material help in the protection of girls, as they would be longer under the influence and supervision of women teachers whom they regarded with great respect and esteem. In her many capacities as teacher, science lecturer, chairman, and member of many committees doing social work among children, women, and girls she had found the need for such work as the Birth Rate Commission was striving to accomplish.

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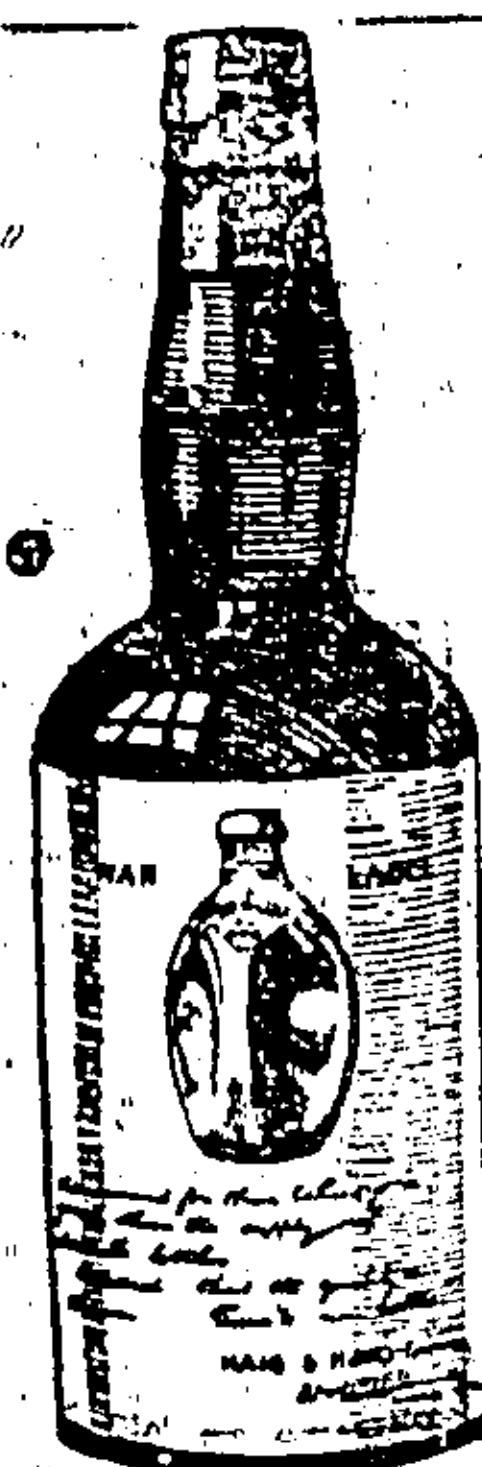
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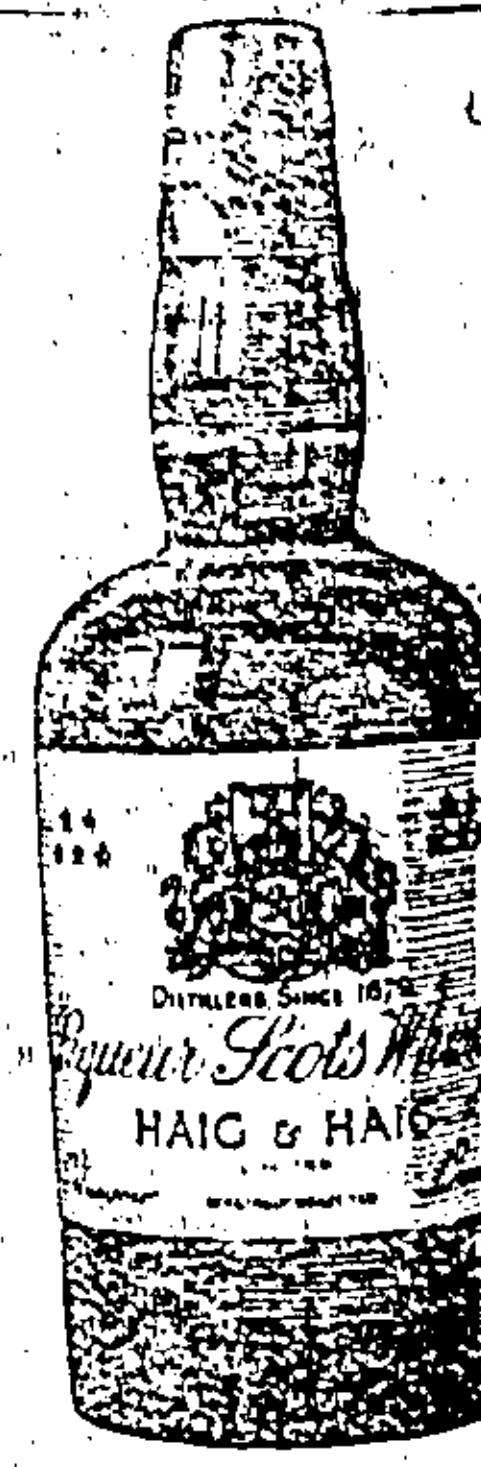
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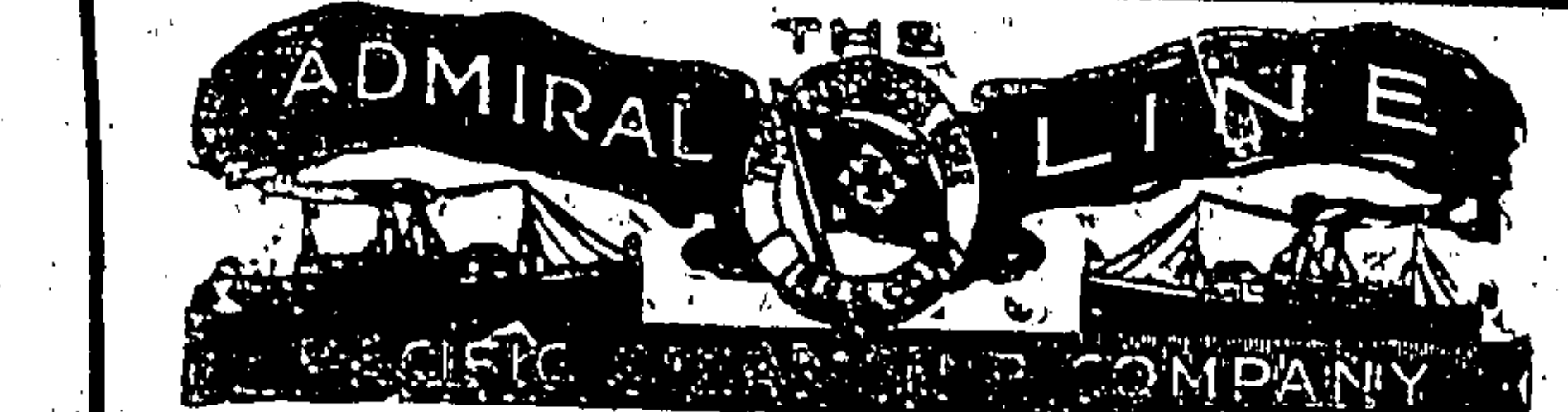
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